

AS

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 96-375-C - ORDER NO. 97-47
JANUARY 16, 1997

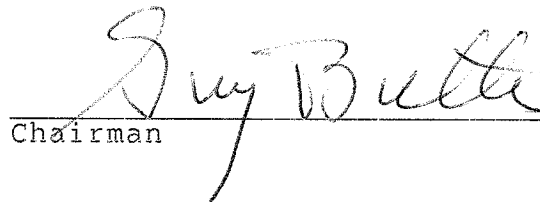
IN RE: Request of AT&T Communications of the) ORDER
Southern States, Inc. for Arbitration) GRANTING
of its Interconnection Agreement with) MOTION
GTE South, Inc.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") on the Motion of GTE South, Inc. ("GTE") for the Commission to permit the introduction of documents under seal and for a Protective Order to protect from public disclosure the confidential and proprietary information of GTE produced pursuant to this Arbitration proceeding.

The Commission has now considered this matter and grants GTE's Motion subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"). The Commission, therefore, will protect the information and documents to the extent allowed by FOIA.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)